IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

OCTOBER TERM, 1970

No. 691

ASSOCIATED GAS DISTRIBUTORS, *Petitioners*

v.

AUSTRAL OIL COMPANY, ET AL., *Respondents*

SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF OF ASSOCIATED GAS DISTRIBUTORS

Now come the petitioners herein,[1] pursuant to Rule 24 and submit the following supplemental statement.

I.

The filing of this supplemental brief is prompted by an intervening event, namely the filing on November 6,

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[1] A list of the petitioners joining in this Brief is set forth in Appendix A hereto.

1970 with the Federal Power Commission (Commission) of a settlement proposal whereby the issues considered below regarding prices for interstate sales of natural gas by producers in the Southern Louisiana area would be resolved. The settlement proposal now before the Commission is the result of a series of settlement conferences initially convened by the Presiding Examiner in F.P.C. Docket No. AR69-1, the currently pending "second-round" Southern Louisiana Area Rate Proceeding. This settlement has received support from most, but not all, parties and will be considered by the Commission in the near future on completion of the evidentiary record in Docket No. AR69-1.

II.

Since the grant of a writ of certiorari to any party below could result in a substantial and detrimental delay in the Commission's consideration of the pending settlement proposal, Petitioners respectfully submit that the petitions in Nos. 669, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 691 and 692 should be denied. If, however, any of these petitions is granted, we ask that our petition likewise be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

Associated Gas Distributors

Alabama Gas Corporation
Atlanta Gas Light Company
The Brooklyn Union Gas Company
Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation
Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
Long Island Lighting Company
New York State Electric & Gas Corporation
Philadelphia Electric Company
Philadelphia Gas Works, Division of UGI Corporation
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Public Service Company of North Carolina
Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation
UGI Corporation
Washington Gas Light Company